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ADDITIONS TO ASTERACEAE OF MAHARASHTRA STATE

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ABSTRACT: Two Asteraceae taxa viz. *Bidens pilosa* L. var. *minor* (Bl.) Sherff and *Spilanthus radicans* Jacq. collected from Satara and Pune districts respectively are reported as new records to Maharashtra state. *Bidens pilosa* L. var. *minor* (Bl.) Sherff differs from *Bidens biternata* (Lour.) Merr. & Sherff by narrowly spatulate outer involucre bracts, white ray floret and setae on the ribs near the apex of achene. Similarly, *Spilanthus radicans* Jacq. differs from *Spilanthus paniculata* by white heads and obcordate shape of achene with winged margins and pappus of two subequal bristles.

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